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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMMANDER, AIR WEATHER SERVICE
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THRU : Col. Russell A. Berg
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SUBJECT : Weather Support During USCH - 9 to 14 April

1. The following comments concerning weather briefings received during the USCH are forwarded for your information. This Headquarters directed missions flown by Det A from 8 thru 14 April 1956. During that period twelve missions were flown; two additional were cancelled due to terminal weather. Twenty-three briefings were presented by Air Weather Service people. The Project Director of Operations was present at each briefing.

a. The briefing service was considered good. Briefings were presented clearly and provided the type of information required.

b. The spirit of AWS people who presented briefings was good. They were cooperative and interested in their duties.

c. The forecasts are considered to have been average in quality. Those issued approximately three hours before departure (9 to 11-hour forecasts) were generally accurate with one major exception. Those issued 14 hours prior to take off (20-hour forecasts) were less accurate but were useful. Those issued for greater periods were considered inadequate.

2. As you are aware, the success or failure of our operations is largely at the mercy of the vagaries of the weather. While we appreciate the efforts rendered to date, from time to time we intend to communicate to you our impressions of the services rendered in the interest of a continuous striving for improvement. If there is anything that can be done by Project Headquarters in the way of scheduling, communications, etc. to simplify or make your task more efficient, please communicate with us formally or informally at any time.

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